

**TOWN OF VERNON
VERNON ARTS COMMISSION
Minutes of September 8, 2014**

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Commissioners (C) & Associate Commissioners (A) present:

Donna Barnas (A)
Thomasina Clemons (A)
Sandy Justin (C)

Lisa Ouellette (C)
Bobbie Orne (C)
Ginny Rogala (C)

Guests:

John Kopec, Vernon Town Council

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Sandy Justin at 7:05 PM.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Lisa and seconded by Ginny to approve the minutes of August, 2014. Unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer circulated a report of the VAC financial status and accounts.

Town Account:	\$6,084.00
FVAC	\$1,973.86

John Kopec, Vernon Town Council liaison to the VAC, stated that the Town Account was incorrect and the actual balance should be reported as \$1,000 less than the Treasurer's reported balance. When queried he explained that \$1,000 was further cut from the VAC budget request by the Town Council at a budget meeting held on April 22, 2014. The VAC was aware that \$2,000 in VAC scholarship monies had been cut at the 3/22/14 budget hearing but has had, to date, no official notification of further cuts although the budget was finalized in April, 2014. Mr. Kopec had not previously shared this information at interim VAC board meetings. Discussion ensued. Bobbie will clarify the issue with Diane Wheelock. A motion was made (Ginny) and seconded (Bobbie) to approve the Treasurer's Report as circulated, noting that clarification and account validation is needed. Unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: None received.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Funding Requests:** None received.
- **Committee Reports:**
 - *Vernon Volunteer Collaborative (VVC):** Donna Barnas (Friends of the Rockville Public Library) and Bobbie (FVAC) reporting. Discussed initiating a weekly/monthly column for news of VVC organizations in local papers/media (like Senior Center News in JI). Will discuss possible media outlets.
 - *Vernon Public Schools Liaisons:** On hold until amount of monies available is determined.
 - *Website & Marketing:** Website updated by Lisa.
 - *Programing & Outreach To Community:** No report.
 - *Commissioners & Associate Commissioners:** Recruitment continues.
 - *Networking/Peer Advising/State of CT Office of the Arts/Regional Arts Collaboration:** Sandy (Chair of Networking Committee) will arrange date of next meeting.
- ***Rails to Trails Public Artwork:** Committee (Don Bellingham, Alan Schlobean & his son Jeff) has met. Have contacted DOT & will plan to work with Middle and High School students. Will be looking for funding – likely spring 2015.
- **Friends of VAC:**
 - *Membership:** Membership letter will be revised to meet needs – renewals and new members.

Bobbie will hold Membership "work-out" on Friday, September 19th at 10 AM to process renewals and discuss fall 2014 Membership drive. Lisa – labels; Ginny – envelopes; Donna – stamps; Sandy – letter; Bobbie – copying. Unanimously agreed that FVAC Membership fees need to be increased – \$5/category – no change for Corporate Sponsor. Need to discuss plans for distribution with Irma.

***Funding Requests & Approvals:** None received.

***Cultural Excursions:** Springfield Museum on 10/18/14. Taking reservations.

***Scholarships:** Tabled.

***Other Activity/Concerns/Issues:** None.

- **Procedures, By Laws, Mission Statement:** None.

CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Funding Requests - New:**

***Public Schools –** A motion was made (Ginny) & seconded (Bobbie) to spend \$250/elementary school and \$350/Middle and High School for annual school art programs. Unanimously approved.

***Vernon Chorale:** Donna will contact Tom Sweet about requesting funds for the year.

***Strong Family Farm:** Request for \$500 funds for Harvest Festival on 10/18/14. A motion was made (Bobbie) & seconded (Ginny) to approve expenditure. Two abstentions, two votes to approve. Motion passed.

***RHS Marching Band for Advertisement in Festival of Bands Booklet:** A motion was made (Lisa) and seconded to fund a full page advertisement at \$100. Unanimously approved. Lisa will work on advertisement redesign.

***Framing VAC Posters:** A motion was made (Lisa) & seconded (Ginny) to spend up to \$35 to frame two previously purchased VAC posters. Unanimously approved.

***VCAC:** Request to fund Puppets After Dark, a UConn-Ballard Puppet Program to be held on 9/12/14 at VCAC. Motion was made (Lisa) & seconded (Ginny) to spend \$250 for Puppet Slam performance and \$100 for advertising. Unanimously approved.

***VCAC:** Request to fund Opening New Exhibit Party on 10/11/14. A motion was made (Lisa) & seconded (Ginny) to spend \$150 for two musicians and \$100 for advertising for the event. Unanimously approved.

- **Leadership Discussion:** Tabled.
- **Items Added:** None.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR OCTOBER 6TH MEETING:

- **Networking Committee**

NEXT MEETING WILL BE Monday, October 6, 2014, 7 PM at the VCAC. Acting Chair will be Sandy Justin.



Respectfully Submitted,
Bobbie Orne, Secretary